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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
WORKLOAD-AWARE REQUEST  
DISTRIBUTION IN CLUSTER-BASED  
NETWORK SERVERS**

Examiner: J. Joo

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 8-13 are canceled without prejudice.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.